

Assessments applied to selected utility companies owning or having entitlements to electric power from certain nuclear generating facilities inside and outside of Massachusetts for the purpose of reimbursing the Commonwealth for expenditures incurred by the Massachusetts Energy Management Agency related to such facilities pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999.

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Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency

Nuclear Safety Preparedness Program

for Fiscal Year 2000

(Appropriation Item Nos. 8800-0100, 8800-0200)

On January 13, 1999, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999, requested that the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") establish an apportionment and make an assessment against nuclear regulatory commission licensees operating nuclear power generating facilities located inside the Commonwealth and electric companies in the Commonwealth that own, in whole or in part, or purchase power from, nuclear power plants outside the Commonwealth but within ten miles of Massachusetts cities or towns. On June 16, 1999, the Department made similar assessments for Fiscal Year 1999 totaling \$679,619 to fund expenditures required by Section 2 of Chapter 194 of the Acts of 1998. See D.T.E. 99-14. Because the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station is the only nuclear power station generating electricity in the Commonwealth, Boston Edison Company and Entergy Nuclear Generation Company ("Entergy"), by letter dated February 16, 2000, have agreed that Entergy will be responsible for the entire assessment of \$421,054 for nuclear power plants in Massachusetts, pursuant to Item 8800-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999.

In D.T.E. 99-14 and 98-37, and D.P.U. 97-19, 95-124, and 94-179, the Department determined that an equitable method of allocating costs for nuclear power plants located outside the Commonwealth but within ten miles of Massachusetts cities or towns was on the basis of the entitlement of Massachusetts utilities to power from the Seabrook and Vermont Yankee nuclear power plants. For the purpose of this assessment, the same method will be followed. Further, consistent with previous orders, the Department is using entitlements as of December 31, 1998, as a basis for the assessment.

The Department determines that the following companies shall be assessed on each of their respective shares of the companies' combined megawatt ("MW") entitlement of both Seabrook and Vermont Yankee nuclear power plants. Therefore, the Department makes the following assessments:

| <u>Name of Company</u> | <u>Nuclear MW</u> | <u>Percent</u> | <u>Assessments</u> |
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| <u>Entitlement of Share</u> |
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| Commonwealth Energy System |
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| c/o NStar Service Company |
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| 800 Boylston Street |
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| Boston, MA 02199 52.10 18.35 51,385.14 |
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| New England Power |
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| 25 Research Drive |
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| Westborough, MA 01581 207.02 72.93 204,224.42 |
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| Western Massachusetts |
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Electric Company

a Northeast Utilities Service Company

P.O. Box 270

Hartford, CT 06141 12.85 4.53 12,685.27

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P.O. Box 541

730 West Center Street

West Bridgewater, MA 02379 11.90 4.19 11,733.17

Totals 283.87 100% 280,028

Accordingly, it is

VOTED: That an assessment in the amount of \$421,054 against Entergy Nuclear Generation Company is hereby made to provide for the reimbursement to the General Fund of the Commonwealth for appropriations made by the General Court for Fiscal Year 2000 to fund state measures pertaining to nuclear safety emergency preparedness for nuclear generating plants in the Commonwealth; and it is

FURTHER VOTED: That an assessment totaling \$280,028 is hereby made to provide for the reimbursement to the General Fund of the Commonwealth for the appropriations made by the General Court for Fiscal Year 2000 to fund state measures pertaining to nuclear safety emergency preparedness of nuclear generating plants operating outside Massachusetts but within ten miles of Massachusetts' cities and towns; and it is

ORDERED: That the companies listed herein be assessed in the amounts indicated.

By Order of the Department,

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James Connelly, Commissioner

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W. Robert Keating, Commissioner

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Eugene J. Sullivan, Jr., Commissioner

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Paul B. Vasington, Commissioner